

# <u>Testimony of Sandy Anderson, St. Clare Hospital and Health Services (Baraboo), and Frank</u> Byrne, MD, St. Mary's Hospital (Madison), in support of Senate Bill 150.

Good afternoon, Chairman Carpenter and members of the Senate Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong and enthusiastic support for Senate Bill 150 (SB 150).

I am Sandy Anderson, President of St. Clare Hospital and Health Services in Baraboo. With me is Dr. Frank Byrne, President of St. Mary's Hospital here in Madison. We are here today representing our individual facilities as well as all of the health care providers and facilities of SSM Health Care of Wisconsin.

SSM Health Care, the first health care organization to win the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, owns, operates or is affiliated with hospitals and nursing homes throughout southern Wisconsin. We are a nonprofit, Catholic system that cares for all patients who come through our doors regardless of their ability to pay.

In 2004, SSM Health Care became one of the largest systems in the nation to "go smoke free". This means no smoking is allowed on our campuses, by employees, patients or their families. While this creates challenges, there is no doubt it is the healthy thing to do. We are health care providers. Our mission is improving care. We believe our smoke free policy is leading by example. Beyond that, it is simply the right thing to do, for our employees, for our patients and for their families. It is also the right thing for Wisconsin to do.

You will hear many statistics today, on both sides of the discussion. Please let me reference just two of them: First, the National Cancer Institute estimates that secondhand smoke causes 3,000 deaths annually from lung cancer and over 35,000 deaths every year from ischemic heart disease. In plain terms, these people die as a result of the unhealthy actions of others. Second, waiters and waitresses have four times the rate of lung cancer than the rest of the population. While we are sympathetic to the concerns of small business owners, it is inexcusable to place employees at such a risk when proposals such as Senate Bill 150 can reduce this risk while providing businesses with a level playing field.

Many of you are rightfully concerned about government interference in the day-to-day operations of business. As the leader of a health care provider, I am quite familiar with government regulation! However, as Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., once said, "The right to swing my fist ends where the other man's nose begins." To paraphrase, the right to expose our state's workforce to secondhand smoke ends where their lungs begin.

Thank you and I now turn over the discussion to Dr. Byrne.

Thank you Sandy, and thank you again Chairman Carpenter and members of the Committee.

While I am a hospital president, I am first and foremost a physician. My specialty is pulmonary and critical care medicine, so I am acutely aware of the devastating personal impact of smoking and secondhand smoke. I had the professional duty and sacred privilege of serving as physician to hundreds of patients who had their lives shortened and quality of life diminished by diseases such as lung cancer, emphysema, and heart disease because at some point in their life they chose to smoke, and scores of adolescents and adults with asthma whose capabilities were impaired because of exposure to secondhand smoke in the workplace or home.

These impacts are often borne by our children. According to the National Cancer Institute, exposure to secondhand smoke results in 10,000 cases of low birth weight, 2,000 cases of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and more than 8,000 new cases of asthma annually. First and foremost, these health issues are personal tragedies. In addition, they impose a huge cost to our society and our business community.

For example, the Society of Actuaries has determined that secondhand smoke cost the U.S. economy nearly \$10 BILLION annually: \$5 billion in medical costs associated with exposure to secondhand smoke and an additional \$4.6 billion in lost wages. Beyond the health costs and wages, let's look at the loss of productivity; the U.S. Centers of Disease Control and Prevention estimate that smoking and secondhand smoke cost \$92 BILLION in productivity losses annually.

Additionally, all of these health care costs are a drain on the broader health care system, consuming clinician, staff and financial resources that could be better directed toward wellness and preventive care. If our nation is ever truly going to control health care costs, this is where much of that savings will originate. This will not be possible until we make societal and cultural changes that create healthier environments and make it easier to avoid obvious deadly and costly health hazards, such as secondhand smoke.

Thus, even as we try to address the legitimate concerns of some small businesses, we must look at the other side of this discussion as I have just described. Like my colleague Sandy Anderson, I help lead a hospital. I am quite familiar with government regulation, and I don't always like it. But from a fundamental conservative perspective, government policy should be driven toward the basic goals of protecting public health and safety.

SB 150 follows this directive and makes a bold, substantive step toward improving the health of our state's workforce. We would like to thank Senators Risser and Roessler and Representatives Wieckert and Richards and the other bill sponsors for their leadership on this issue. We encourage the Committee's support of this bill.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this important legislation. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact either Sandy or me, or Michael Heifetz, our Vice President for Governmental Affairs, at (608) 250-1225.

Links to the full reports of information shared with you on 5/31/0/.

### http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/secondhandsmoke/secondhandsmoke.pdf

A link to the cliff notes of the exhaustive report on the ill effects of second hand smoke as published by the US Surgeon General's Office.

## http://www.tobwis.org/index.php

The Tobacco Control Resource Center for Wisconsin provides accurate, up to date, and evidence-based resources to support effective tobacco control.

### http://www.tobwis.org/uploads/media/AirQualityStudy04-07.pdf

The following information was shared from the linked report above:

From December 2006 to February 2007, indoor air quality was assessed in 92 locations in 7 Northern and Central Wisconsin counties: Iron, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Vilas, and Wood. Sites tested included bars, restaurants, supper clubs (restaurants with bars), bowling centers, and pool halls.

The concentration of fine particle air pollution,  $PM_{2.5}$ , was measured.  $PM_{2.5}$  is particulate matter in the air smaller than 2.5 microns in diameter. Particles of this size are released in significant amounts from burning cigarettes, are easily inhaled deep into the lungs, and cause a variety of adverse health effects including cardiovascular and respiratory morbidity and death.

#### Key findings of the study include:

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$\supset$	Employees in Northern and Central Wisconsin establishments permitting indoor
	smoking have annual exposures to fine particle air pollution more than 2 times
	higher than safe annual levels established by the U.S. Environmental Protection
	Agency due to their occupational exposure to tobacco smoke pollution.

#### http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/ETI/barriers/MilwaukeePrisonStudy.pdf

This paper was prepared at the request of Legal Action of Wisconsin and the Private Industry Council of Milwaukee County to assess the legal and employment needs of prisoners released from Wisconsin correctional facilities. Released prisoners are a rapidly growing population in the City of Milwaukee, one which is seldom acknowledged except for media reports on the residences of sexual assault offenders. The sheer numbers and dramatic increases of the population make it one which merits attention. Previous Employment and Training Institute reports have examined the transportation, child care, and educational barriers to employment for low-income Milwaukee County residents. This analysis details barriers facing adults released from or currently in Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) facilities.

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Members of Senate Public Health Committee;

I am Courtney Chambers. I am a freshman at Western Wisconsin Technical College. I have been a FACT (Fighting Against Corporate Tobacco) member for two years and a member of T.A.T.U. (Teens Against Tobacco Use) for three years. I now am a volunteer FACT adviser in La Crosse.

I like to hang out with friends, and frequent bars. But I can not go with my friends because I have Asthma. Sometimes I can't breathe because I inhaled the smoke and my lungs hurt so bad that I have to cough. Did you know that 15% of the cigarette smoke gets inhaled by the smoker, but the remaining 85% is left to linger so the rest of us can breathe it in? I do not want to die right now, just because I want to hang out with my friends.

Please pass SB150 and protect my heath, my friends health, and my future family members health.

Thank you for your time,

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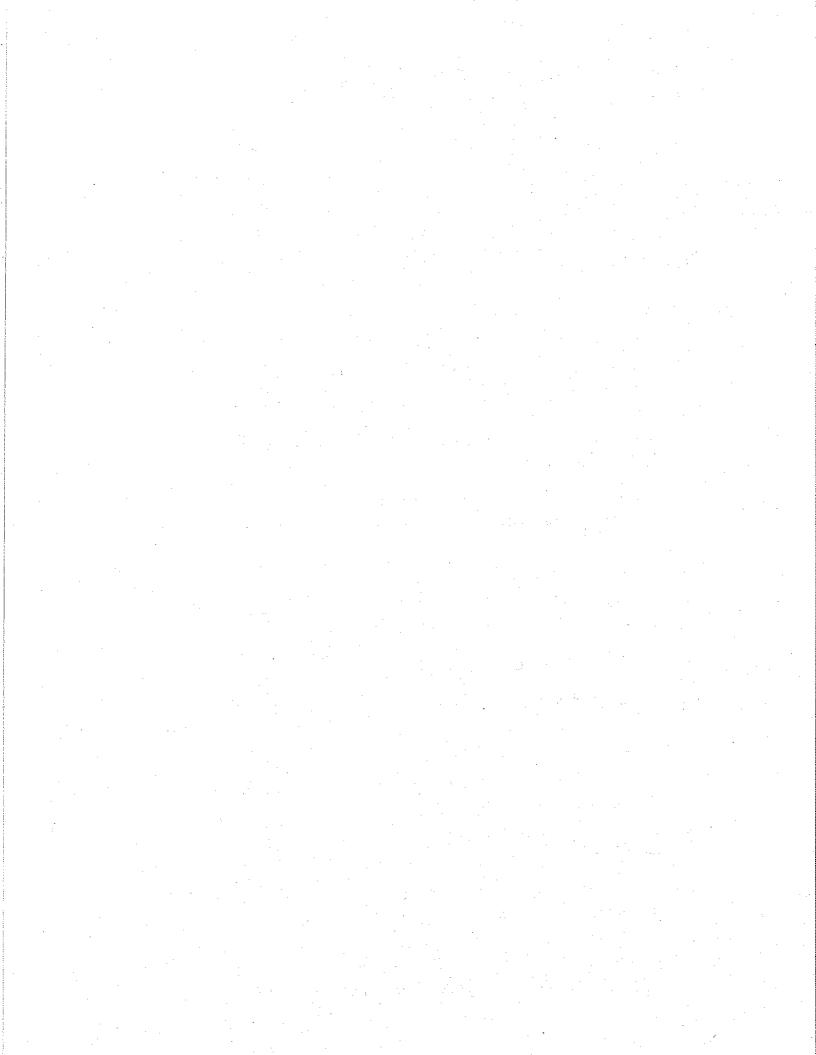
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To The Committee of Public Health, Searce 1550es, Long Term Care & Privacy: My name is Phil Kohne as a Concerned -Citizen, retired City Alderman of 18 yrs, member of The Kaukaura Akohol, Tobasoo, and Other DAUS Abuse (KATODA) Prevention Board do July Support SB 150 without any modications As responsible law makers you represent all Wisconsin residents health and Safety soncerus. Tour children, grandchildren + Your, adolls learns from The older generation The Choices we make inlite. Good choices is The preferred It sover ment can helpen offering These choices. All The grajoans and Talk That's being offered will not stop people from suffering from Ilkesses caused by second hand sacke. In Laokama as an Alderman Hof The reight members Tried in view To Jassa Snoke free work Place in our Conemonity The Majority of Community residents I back spoke with agreed to a Total smoke free work place I now Can only ask That you help by QUESTING 58 150 WITH NO Modifications To leave a legacy for our children & tuturo generations a smoke free environment So That Their hard earn money is spent on Themselves and not on rising health care Cosis associated to second hand smoke 920-746-9014 Thank 400 Phil Kohne

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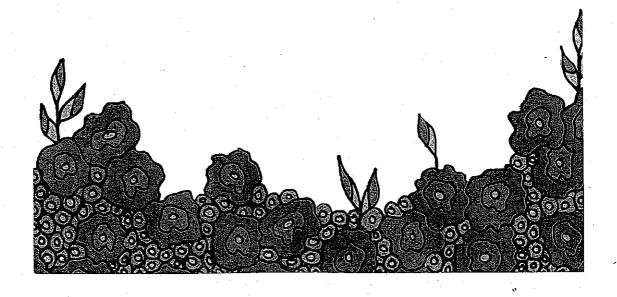


Senator Cowles and Committee members;

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Senate bill 150 I to prohibit

smoking in places of employment, restaurants, taverns & other indoor areas. I believe Madison & Appleton lave supported this law, and it has worked out rather well. Healthwise, this Bill truly makes good sense o Mary Sou Jackels



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May 29, 2007

Dear Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy,

I am writing to ask for your support of SB 150, the Breathe Free Wisconsin Act. This is your chance to truly make a difference in the health of our state. As elected officials you have been entrusted with the responsibility of doing what is right for the constituents of the area you represent but also for the residents of the state of Wisconsin. I am sure that you will have plenty of statistics and personal stories provided to you for your consideration. There is two points that no one can discount. There is no safe level of tobacco smoke exposure. The other point is that exposure to tobacco smoke is a major factor in the two leading causes of death of Americans.

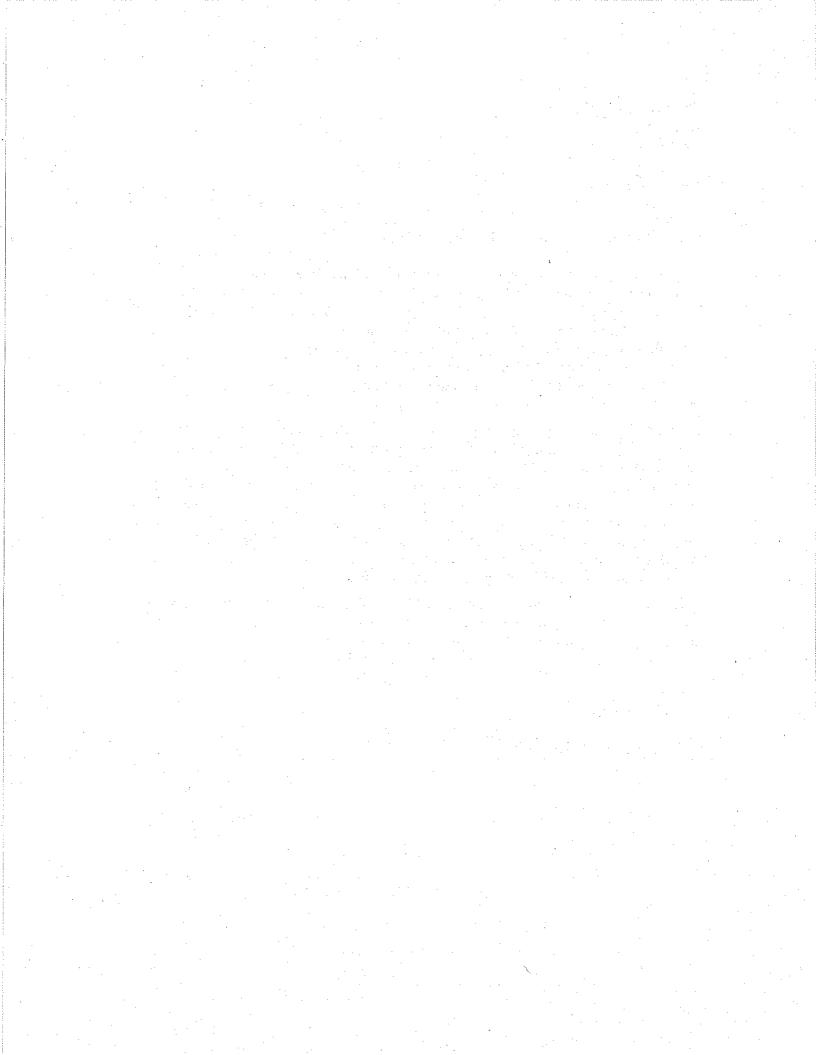
Often I hear about how young people are not involved with politics and how we don't vote. There are a few things I want to tell you about myself. I grew up on a dairy farm in northeast Wisconsin. I hold a degree in Community Health Education from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. I am a 29 year-old father of a 9-month-old little girl. Some might say I am the average young professional. So I want you to know that myself as well as many others in the state like me are out here. We do vote and we do care about very important issues like this. We want you to listen to the voice of the majority of the residents in the state of Wisconsin and not the rumblings of a few who might be inconvenienced or have big tobacco interests to maintain.

In closing, I ask you not only to support SB 150, the Breathe Free Wisconsin Act, but to do so by not weakening this vital piece of legislation with any exemptions thus making all worksites in this beautiful state of Wisconsin smoke-free.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Shefchik

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TO: The Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy May 31, 2007 Committee Hearing

Submitted by: Kathryn M. Hansen

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Members of the Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy:

Thank you for the opportunity to ask for your support of **Senate Bill 150**, the Smoke Free Workplace Act, also known as the Breathe Free Wisconsin Act.

First of all, let me tell you a little about myself. I am a former smoker who grew up in a home with parents who smoked. I am also a cancer survivor of 4 years. My mother was diagnosed with two kinds of cancer last year, and cancer caused her death. My father has heart disease and had cardiac bypass surgery in 1999. I have experienced the ravages of disease, both personally and as caregivers to my parents, and I care deeply about health related issues. Senate Bill 150, the Smoke Free Workplace Act, addresses a very real health issue.

Smoking may be a personal choice, but being exposed to secondhand smoke is not, especially for people who are exposed in their workplaces. Workers, including those in restaurants and bars, should not have to choose between their jobs and their health. We have twenty years of scientific research proving that secondhand smoke is a serious health hazard that causes lung cancer, heart disease and serious respiratory illness in nonsmokers, leading to premature death. The only way to protect people is to eliminate their exposure to secondhand smoke.

I love Wisconsin and I enjoy traveling our beautiful state. I want to patronize restaurants and other business establishments without exposing myself to secondhand smoke. And my voice is but one of thousands, urging you to protect Wisconsin citizens and our right to breathe clean air. According to the Mellman Group/Public Opinion Strategies poll of February 2007, almost two-thirds (64%) of Wisconsin voters support a law that makes all workplaces and public places, including all restaurants and bars, smoke-free.

Twenty states and Washington D.C. have enacted comprehensive smoke-free workplace laws that cover all restaurants and taverns. Our neighboring states of Illinois and Minnesota have passed comprehensive smoke-free legislation as well, with the implementation dates to occur in the next year. Wisconsin needs to join this movement and let the people of our state breathe free.

As a volunteer with the American Cancer Society, I urge you to support SB 150 and ensure that all Wisconsin workplaces are smoke-free, with no exemptions or exceptions.

Thank you.

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The Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy:

As a reformed smoker-(I have been smoke free for 6 years and my husband for 5 years-he quit when our first child was born), I can honestly say it was the best decision I ever made and truly hate to be in/around places where smoking is allowed.

I certainly will not bring my children to any place where they can be affected by secondhand smoke. Smoking is a costly and deadly habit which results in horrendous medical bills and it always seems the ones who have to seek medical attention due to a health related issue because they're smokers, have no health insurance or are on state assistance, I.E.-(Medicaid, SSI), etc and the medical industry which is my field pays the price as the taxpayers do.

This habit also is expensive considering the cost to buy cigarettes, cigars, etc when that person's \$\$\$ can be used towards necessary things like food and bills. Smoking pollutes the air we breathe and when smoking materials are handled carelessly, cause fire damage to homes, other dwellings and our beautiful forests/parks, etc which in turn affects insurance premiums for everyone as the insurance industry has to cover their losses by passing on higher premiums to everyone, smokers or not.

This habit benefits nobody or our environment and therefore, I am supporting Governor Doyle's suggestion to do away with smoking in this state for good. Please pass on my vote to get this bill, SB 150, passed right away to preserve our health and our environment from further damage.

Sincerely,

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I am writing in support of the SB 150 and would be relieved greatly as a Wisconsin resident & Cancer Fighter if this bill passes. Too many lives are at risk and too many health factors have been proven to be the cause of second hand smoke. If someone does drugs, they harm themselves; If they drink excessively, they harm themselves; If they smoke they harm themselves but additionally the health of others. To subject others to something that is so harmful should not be allowed publicly. If they choose to harm themselves or endanger their lives, it's their choice but they need to respect the health of others. When someone drives under the influence, they greatly endanger their lives and others on the road but it is against the law and they will pay a dear penalty if caught doing it. I believe smoking and second hand smoke is a deadly habit and to protect & preserve the public's health in public venues, we need to act NOW! I am in full support of the SB 150 and pray it passes.

Thank you for hearing my plea as a concerned Wisconsin resident.

Respectfully,

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To The Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy:

For the past 37 years I have worked at Appleton Medical Center, and presently Theda Care Cancer Institute. I have seen what smoking can do to the people who choose to smoke and what it can do to the health of family members.

Second hand smoke is proven to be just as deadly to the people who do not choose to smoke, as to those who do.

I am pleading with you to be open and honest in your decision to make the state of Wisconsin a smoke free environment. It may help those who are thinking about quitting or trying to quit, giving them the incentive they need to actually make that huge step to save their lives and those they love. Thank you for your sincere consideration on this very serious issue.

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The Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy:

As an Appleton doctor and active proponent of a smoking ban I wish to have you vote on a very strong ban in all public buildings. Consider modeling it after our ban. Our business owners are learning that business is equal or better than before the ban. Our health as a community is better.

Please vote for a very strong state wide ban!!!

Thank you,

Douglas Grant M.D.

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To The Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy:

Smokers propose they have the right to smoke, disregarding the health warnings on the label and by health care providers. Knowing that statistics have proven that it effects your health they continue to protest " their free right to smoke," especially in public places.

As a non-smoker I protest my right to live in a smoke free environment. I would love to go out to eat, dance and socialize in a clean air surrounding. Getting home from being out in a smoke filled room is not fun. We have to leave all our clothes in the garage and take a shower and wash our hair so we can sleep without smelling like smoke.

Thank you for the consideration of a statewide smoke free law.

Ron Froehlich 2854 Crossing Ct. Appleton, WI. 54913 rcbiking@hotmail.com

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Teresa A. Harmsen W13735 Hwy 44 Brandon, WI 53919 920-346-2302

May 23, 2007

To: The Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy

I am writing to ask your support of bill SB 150 to establish a statewide smoking ban. I feel this is extremely important to our quality of life here in Wisconsin.

While I applaud communities that have already initialed smoking bans, I strongly feel It is necessary on a state level in order to be consistent and fair to business owners. There is a nice little restaurant in McFarland that we have enjoyed many times in the past. However, since the smoking ban went into effect in Madison, it is over run with smokers and not a fit place to eat a meal anymore. What a health hazard to the people that have to work there!

In addition, my husband and grandson both have asthma and going to a place that doesn't ban smoking is not an option for them. Smokers have a choice of smoking at home or in their vehicles, even with a ban. My husband and grandson have no choices if smokers are present.

Please make ALL of Wisconsin a healthy place for ALL of our citizens.

Sincerely,

Teresa A. Harmsen

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May 17, 2007

Dear folks of the Senate Committe on Public Health, I urge you to help pass the Breathe Free Wisconsin Act.

I am a citizen and anadvid golfer, pool player and tavern supporter.

I am sick of the second hand smoke in these places. We who frequent
this places have lack of clean fresh air and it's not right because
second hand smoke not only stinks...but it kills.

I know of bartenders who have also been over-exposed to the smoke and have gotten cancer. It should be banned from all public places.

I would like to have you doo all you can to assure that Wisonsin becomes smoke free...let's catch up with the other states who are already doing it.

My partner is a performer and I want her to be bbbe to sing in smoke free environments too.

More folks would come out if they had smoke free places to go to listen to music, play pool and visit with other neighbors.

The time is now...I urge you to help be the voice of we who wish Wisconsin to be ...smoke free.

thankyou,

John Bickel

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Lena, Wisconsin 54139

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To the Senate Committe on Public Health

May 16,2007

My name is Jeanie Carlin and I am a professional entertainer.

I am urging you to please speak on my behalf and others to ban cigarette smoking in Public places. I have been exposed to this health hazard far too long in the clubs, bars, restaurants and other spaces where I have had to perform. I habe also sang in Ireland, and New York...which are now smoke free. It is a blessing and a healthy thing not to be exposed to the toxins of other's habit.

I have even written a song called "I Love You Even More If You Don't Smoke".

My pianiss Ron Wolfe passed away two years ago from cancer of the bladder. His Surgeon told me...that Ron probably got it from being exposed to second hand smoke. He played in jazz clubs for many years.

The Health risks are no longer a guess....smoke that is second hand is not only dangerous to adults...but especially to children and animals, Who live with smokers.

It is time to turn the newer generations into aware beings that have a choice. Please do as I request and help pass the Breathe Free Wisconsin act.

It's time to catch up with the rest of the

world's awareness of the danger of second hand smoke!!

thankyou,

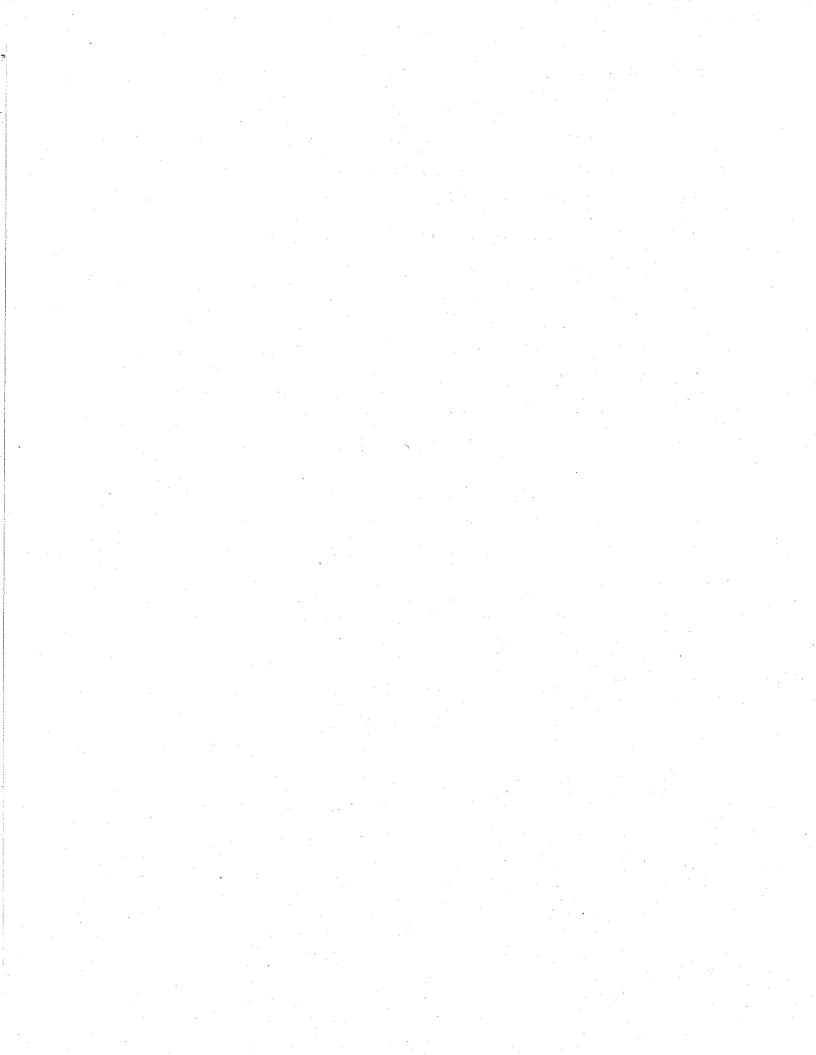
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Logtown Road

Lena, Wisconsin 54139

920-834-4683 phone)

female age 51



May 24, 2007

The Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy:

I am writing to you to ask you to support SB 150, the Breathe Free WI Act, making all worksites smoke free with no exemptions.

I grew up as an asthmatic child with parents who both smoked. I have memories of struggling to breathe and feeling nauseous as my parents' addiction to nicotine precluded them from providing their children with a smoke-free environment. Several years down the road, I am an adult child of a father suffering from emphysema and spots on his lungs. I observe first-hand the devastating effects of tobacco smoke on my dad who continues to smoke even while on oxygen, as well as on my mother who quit smoking several years ago but is still exposed to second-hand smoke residing with a smoker.

It is my sincere hope that no more children or other non-smokers will have to suffer exposure to the dangers of deadly tobacco smoke. I urge you to support this life-saving legislation.

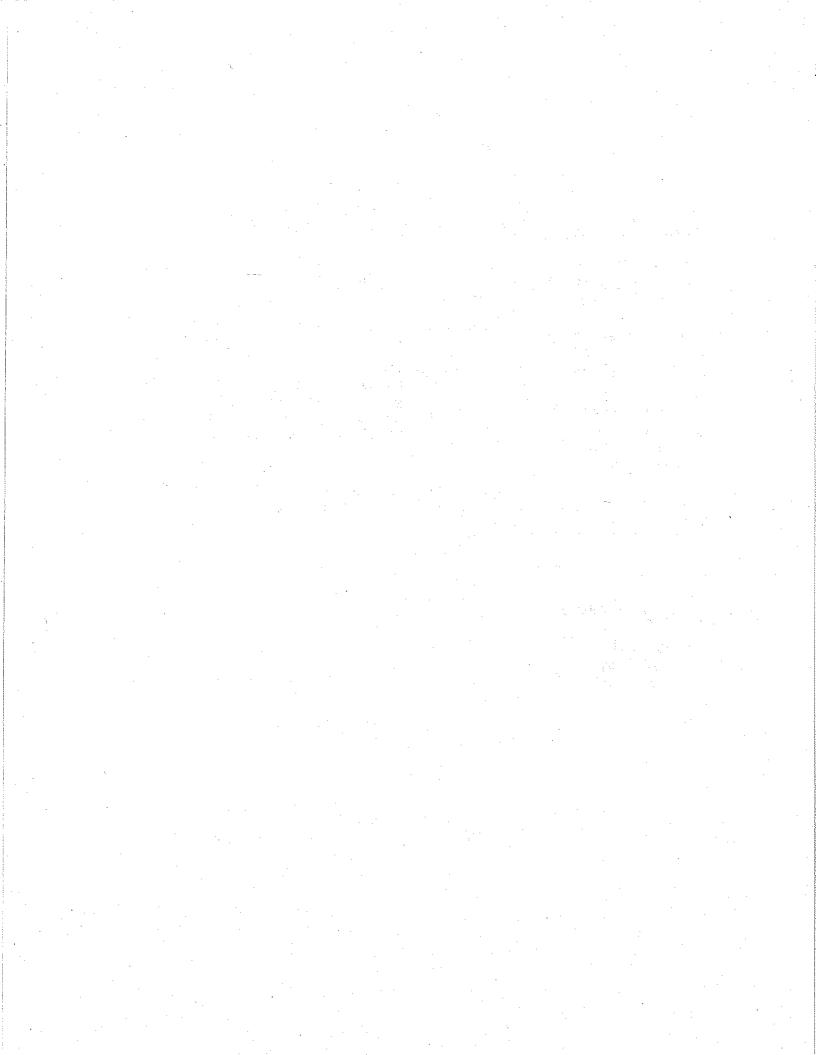
Sincerely

Laurie Pagel

130 Kelly Way

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The Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy:

My purpose for being here is to share why I strongly support SB-150, the comprehensive 100% smoke free workplace policy, WITH NO EXEMPTIONS!!

In 1973, after nine years in personal banking, the President asked me to be a lender which was in another area of the bank. I agreed not knowing that the seven men I was to work with were constant smokers. After several hours I could not take the smoke; my eyes watered, and I was losing my voice. I then asked the President if I could return to Personal Banking, or I would need to quit. We had monthly programs for all employees, and he asked me to have a program on the effects of smoking, since I was in charge of programs. The program was presented by a city nurse, showing that second hand smoke killed the mice. Their lungs were black, and it was gross.

Naturally it was hard for the smokers to believe this could happen to people. But the President did believe, and stated that smoking would not be allowed in the bank. The men were very unhappy with me, and several eventually did leave the bank. Unfortunately, several of those former employees did die of lung cancer later. I did stay in the lending area for 27 years, as we had clean indoor air. I also shared this experience with other lending institutions and businesses, and they voluntarily went smoke free with the new data.

But this progress is still NOT ENOUGH and takes TOO LONG to provide everyone with a smoke free workplace.

The Surgeon General's 2006 report concluded that second hand smoke causes premature death and disease in children and adults who do not smoke.

Children exposed to second hand smoke are at increased risk for sudden infant death syndrome, respiratory infections, ear problems, and more severe asthma. Too many people still suffer from the deadly effects of secondhand smoke.

Why would we allow this to continue? Therefore, I am asking for your help to pass SB 150-with NO EXEMPTIONS!

Thank you,

Mary Ann Berger

Mary Ann Berger

Advocate for the American Cancer Society

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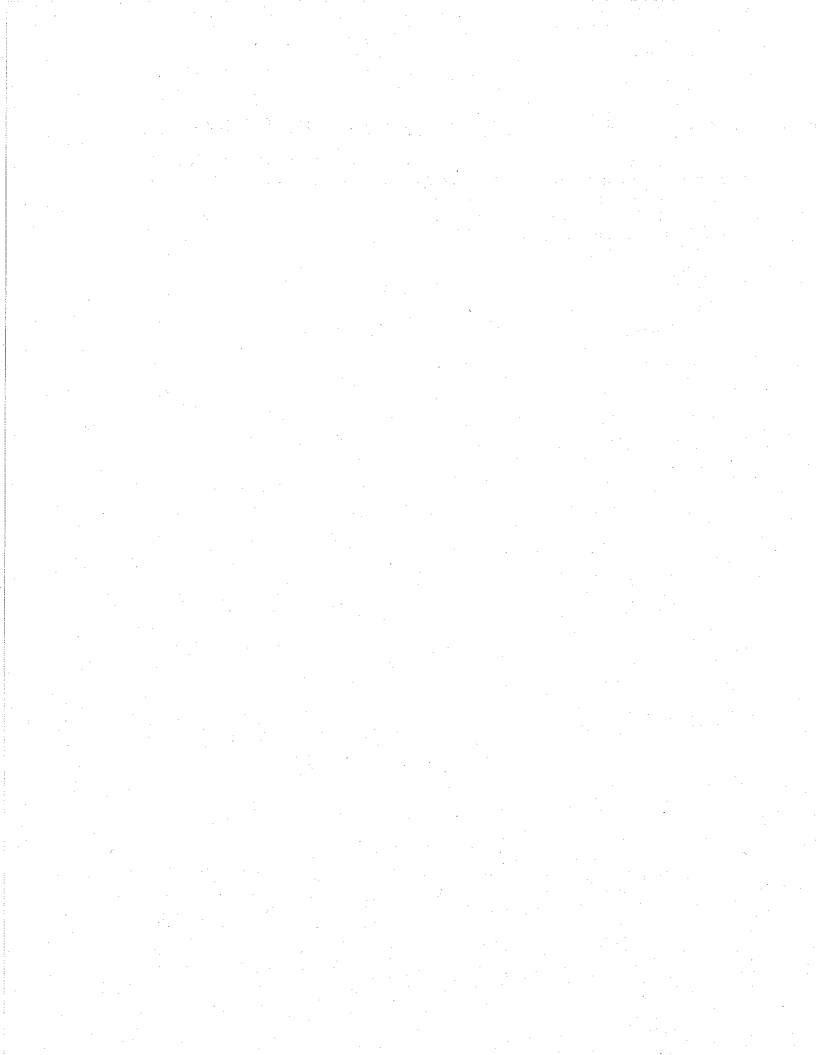
To: The Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy

I would support SB150 because my father has quite a bit of breathing problems and asthma. I have had several family members sick from cancer caused by smoking or second hand smoke.

I hope you will support SB150, too.

Thank you.

Patty Roloff 1343 Julie Court Neenah, WI 54956 (920) 729-5761



To The Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy

I would like you to support SB 150, the Breathe Free WI Act, making all worksites smoke free, no exemptions.

I started smoking when I was 11, my Dad smoked 5 packs a day; the commercials were cool. By age 24, I smoked 4 to 5 packs a day. Growing up with all the smoke I developed bronchial asthma and have allergies. Now I can't be long in any space with smoke or it will trigger an asthma attack. My Dad died of lung cancer complications. My mother who never smoked, developed cancer, too.

I quit over 20 years ago and still have breathing problems, that get worse as time goes on. Children should not be subjected to smoke by adults who choose to impose the health risks of second hand smoke on others. The cost in healthcare and lost time from school and work are staggering. The truth of how the tobacco companies have lied and continue to try and addict children in this and third world countries can no longer be swept under the rug.

We all must take action so future generations at least will not be subjected to the health risks of tobacco in normal everyday life, without a choice on their part. Please think of all those who have died that never smoke but had to work in an unhealthy environment that caused their death. Act now, the life you save may be your child or grandchild!

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Philip Lioce 817 N Chestnut Ave Green Bay, WI 54303

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To: The Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy

I am writing to ask you to please support SB 150.

This July, I will become a five year cancer survivor. I was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma when I was 16 years old, and underwent nearly six months of chemotherapy and 3 weeks of radiation in order to beat the disease.

Unfortunately, the chemotherapy that saved my life also wreaked havoc on my lungs. My doctor estimates that about 50% of certain pulmonary functions have been lost. For a girl who ran cross country, and played both basketball and softball in high school, hearing that was quite a blow.

Now that I am 21, I greatly enjoy going out to the bars with my friends and family. In Madison, where I am a student at the UW, it's fantastic because I get to enjoy a smoke-free evening. My eyes aren't irritated at the bars, my clothes and hair don't reek when I come home, and most importantly I don't have to worry about doing further damage to my lungs by breathing in all that second-hand smoke.

I rarely hear people complaining about having to step outside to the sidewalk or a patio to have a cigarette, and most of the news reports I hear seem to say business has not noticeably suffered since the city adopted its smoking ban. Though I understand where the "mom and pop" bars in smaller communities are coming from in opposing this bill, perhaps they should think about the business they may attract if they are smoke free. I don't enjoy myself nearly as much when I go out outside of Madison, and sometimes avoid it altogether.

Twenty other states have already passed bills similar to this one. Public support for SB 150 is starting to grow. It's time to wake up, Wisconsin! If everyone could sacrifice 5 minutes of their time to step outside and have a smoke, in order to provide a healthy environment for employees and patrons, our state could become a much healthier place!

Thank you, Danielle Berkovitz 314 N. Broom St. Apt. 1 Madison, WI 53703

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Honorable Committe of Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy

My family has been devasted by the effects of cigarette smoking. I truly believe that from all I have read cigarette smoking causes lung cancer. We ask that you please support SB 150, The Breathe Free WI Act, making all work sites smoke free.

Lynn J Hobbs my soul mate, loving husband and best friend, a caring loving, helpful dad and the best granpa to his grandchildren - Chelsea 11, Carter 5, Ella Jane 3, Natalie Lynn 2, Kaylee 1 and the one he didn't get to meet Melanie 11 weeks. You see, Lynn lost his battle to lung cancer on September 26, 2006.

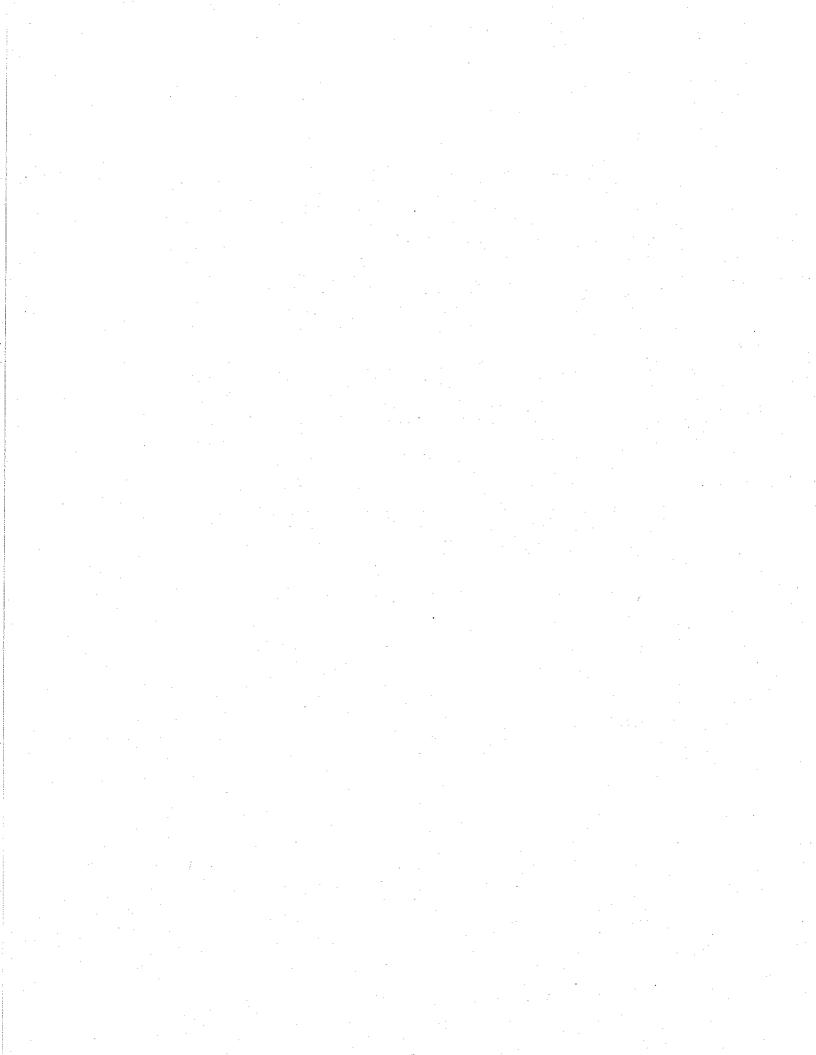
Lynn had smoked since his was a teen. In November, 2005 he was diagnosed with small cell lung cancer, he was only 50 years old. It was only after that diagnosis Lynn was able to quit smoking - part of what he did to fight the disease. It wasn't easy and it made life hard. Whatever he was doing he always took a break to have a smoke. He avoided places and situations where he smoked because that craving was there.

Granpa Lynn loved the summer months and vacation time with the grandkids - mini golf, waterparks, the swimming pool, squirt gun fights, fun on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. There were so many good times. Now there will be more fun with Granpa. Some of the grandkids are so small that they won't remember or get a chance to have those times with him. As I said, he didn;t get to meet Melanie and he will never get to know the children our daughter Leah wants to have someday.

Please get the message out NO SMOKING because smoking does kill. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marlene Hobbs W844 E Waushara St. Berlin WI 54923



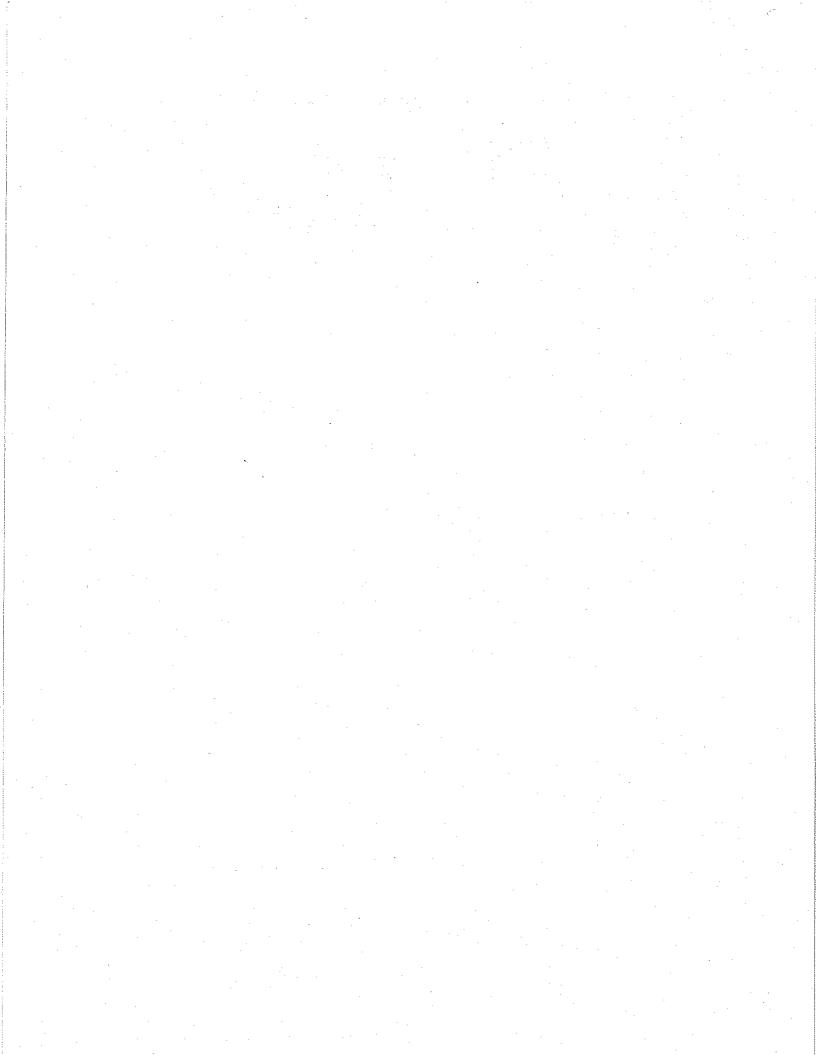
Dear members on the Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy,

I am for the right to walk anywhere with out someone else's smoke. For our children to be able to have a world without being sick because of someone else's selfishness. Our health care is so out of control...... I can't even afford to go to the hospital when sick because I have a 5,000 deduct able and so you wait it out. Trying to stay healthy is an issue and we need to do this for all and this may in fact help some people to quit smoking. It is about time we focus on how to keep healthy.......

Please support SB 150.

Thanks for your consideration.

Kathleen Zeitler 1159 10th Ave. Green Bay, WI 54304 inspiredbylife@juno.com



To: The Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy

I am Scott Doerr. I manage a local Bar and Restaurant in the Merrill Area. I am writing to you to let you know I am totally in favor of SB 150 (The Breathe Free Wisconsin Act) and I ask your support. I have worked in bars and restaurants for about 25 years just to make ends meet financially. I have been exposed to second hand smoke throughout those 25 years. During that time I have developed adult asthma which my Doctor has attributed to exposure of second hand smoke. As a child, I also lived with my parents who were also smokers.

Just recently I hired a bartender who needed extra money. She became pregnant and based on her doctors suggestion and her concern for her unborn baby being exposed to the hazards of second hand smoke , she had to quit.

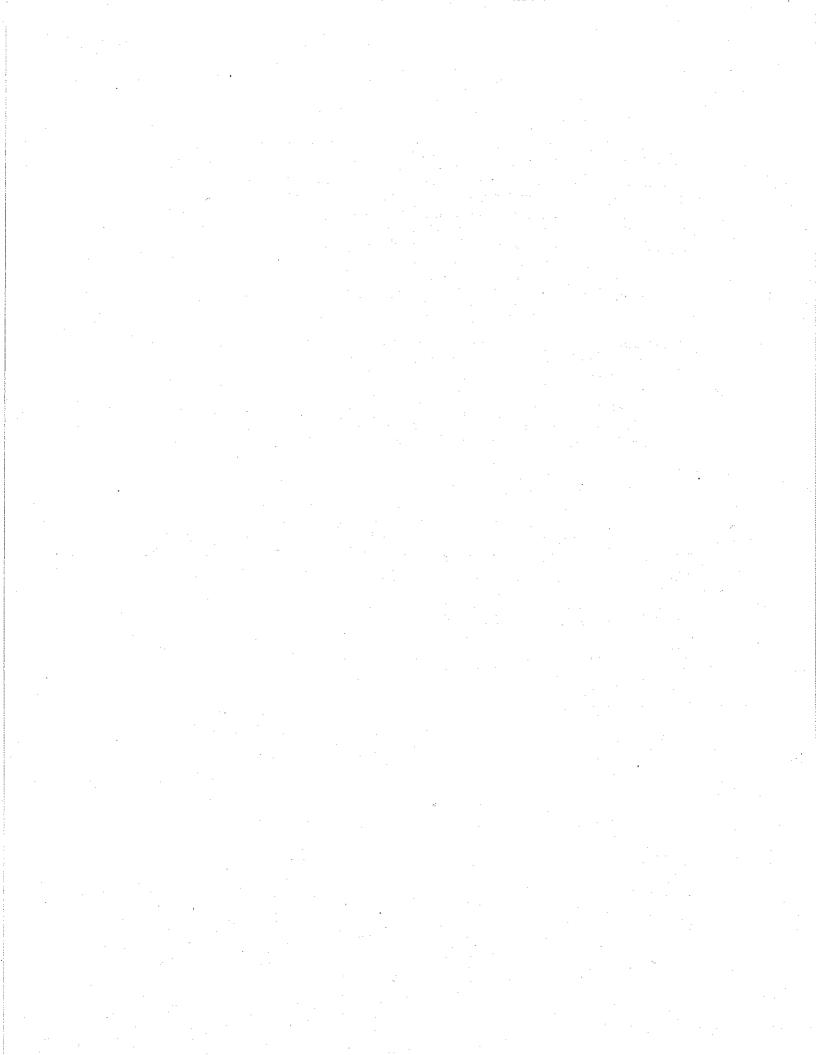
How long are we going to sit back and expose workers and non smoking customers to second hand smoke, and make them choose between their health and additional income?

Our establishment is a Member of the Tavern League of Wisconsin. I do not take their stand on this issue. In my opinion The Tavern League is not representing the Customers or the workers of the establishments they represent. Remember lowering the BAC?

You may ask why our establishment doesn't go smoke free? I answer to over 250 members who have went as far as making the dining room smoke free, but are hesitant to do so in the Bar. This is an ongoing educational process. There is also the feeling that the State or the City will pass a smoke free law which, if required would eliminate smoking in our facility. They are ok with that because everyone would be smoke free.

We need to pass SB 150 with absolutely no exceptions. This will insure a level playing field for all establishments in Wisconsin. Please support SB 150.

Sincerely Yours, Scott Doerr 908 N Cleveland St. Merrill, WI 54452 715-536-2231 sadoerr02@msn.com



The Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care & Privacy:

I am writing in support of SB 150 and would be relieved greatly as a Wisconsin resident, mother and grandmother, if this bill passes. Too many lives are at risk and too many health factors have been proven to be caused bysecond-hand smoke. If someone does drugs, they harm themselves; if they drink excessively, they harm themselves; if they smoke they harm themselves but additionally the health of others. To subject others to something that is so harmful should not be allowed publicly. If they choose to harm themselves or endanger their lives, it's their choice but they need to respect the health of others. When someone drives under the influence, they greatly endanger their lives and others on the road so most logically, it is against the law and they will pay a dear penalty if caught doing it. I believe smoking and second-hand smoke is a deadly habit and to protect & preserve the public's health in public venues, we need to act NOW!

I am in full support of SB 150 and pray it passes. Thank you for hearing my plea as a concerned Wisconsin resident and citizen.

Respectfully,

Christine Seidl, Board President Beacon House, Inc. 430 S. Webster Ave. Green Bay, WI 54301 PH: 920-676-1146

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Dear Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy,

I am in full support of a smoke-free Wisconsin. Please help improve the health of our state by supporting SB 150. Thank you.

Dr. Amy S. Lahay

Optometrist

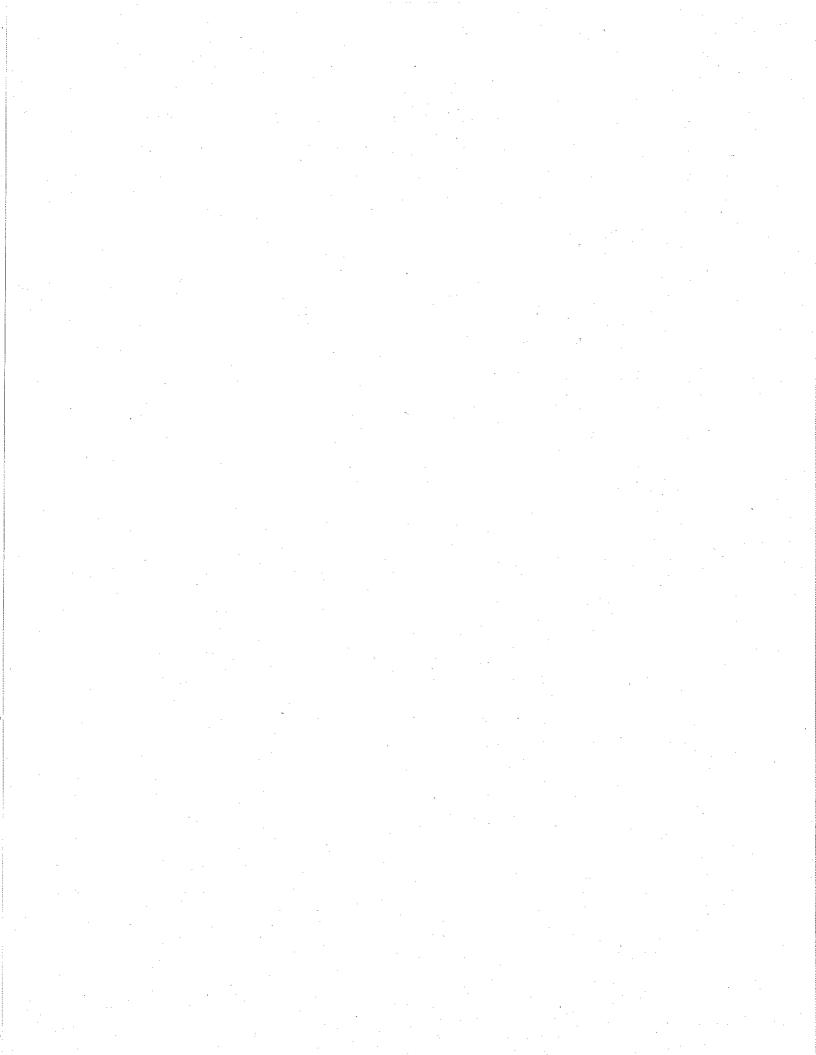
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Dear Public Servants on The Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy,

I am writing this letter to request your support for SB 150. This particular bill is important to me if for no other reason than it *just makes sense*.

You and your political colleagues were elected by the citizens of Wisconsin to represent our best interests. One of the major concerns in our state and around the country is healthcare costs. Tobacco is directly responsible for \$2.02 billion dollars in health care costs in the State of Wisconsin. Passing SB150 would reduce the number of smokers and the impact they have on non-smokers and health care in general. That decrease could have a significant impact on costs related to healthcare in the state. Passing a bill that would impact an important constituent issue and further preserve your position as a representative of the voting public *just makes sense*.

Tobacco is directly responsible for 30% of cancer related deaths. For my own personal well-being, I choose not to use tobacco products. However, current laws allow for those who have not made that choice to affect our health and that of our family members. One person can negatively affect a whole room full of people who chose to live a healthy, smoke free lifestyle. Not letting a minority group of people negatively impact the lives of those who choose to live responsibly *just makes sense*.

My wife and I are just starting our lives together and have not yet had the pleasure of having children, something we are looking forward to doing. Growing up, I was always told that, "a parent will do anything to protect their child and to make sure they are safe." I cannot speak from experience, but my parents always told me I would understand better when I have children. I believe this to be true, and if we can pass a bill today that will protect our children from the negative effects of tobacco in the future, that just makes sense.

When I was 17 years old I watched my Grandmother go through a relapse of cancer. It started out that she was just weak and tired, so we couldn't visit for too long at the hospital. By the end of her battle with cancer, she was tiny, frail, covered in sores, and we couldn't hug her because the slightest touch would add yet another bruise to her already black and blue body. I felt ashamed that I no longer wanted to go visit her for fear that her current state would be all that I remembered. Instead of being sad, I was relieved when she died, because she would not have to suffer anymore. If we can pass a bill that would significantly reduce the chances that you and I, our spouses, our children, our friends and family would have to go through an experience like that, it just makes sense.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this truly life changing issue!

Best regards,

Adam Sutter 1773 Guns St. Green Bay, WI 54311 (920) 469-2012

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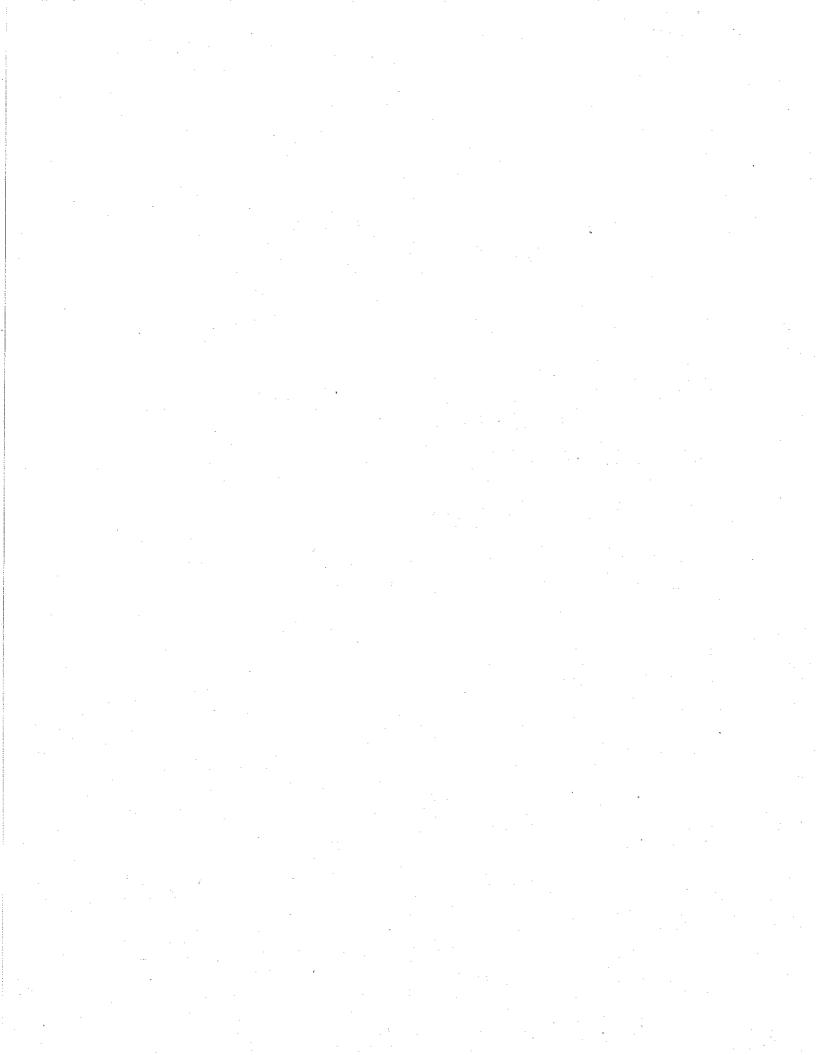
May 29, 2007

To The Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy:

My name is Angela Sylvester and as a concerned citizen, parent and cancer survivor I am writing to state my support for SB 150 and to ask you to support it as well. I am proud to be a Wisconsin resident and hope that I can be proud of a legislature that listens to and takes actions reflecting public opinion on this matter.

Sincerely,

Angela Sylvester 1149 11<sup>th</sup> Ave Green Bay, WI 54304 920-438-8548



Dear members on the Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy,

I am for the right to walk anywhere with out someone else's smoke. For our children to be able to have a world without being sick because of someone else's selfishness. Our health care is so out of control....... I can't even afford to go to the hospital when sick because I have a 5,000 deduct able and so you wait it out. Trying to stay healthy is an issue and we need to do this for all and this may in fact help some people to quit smoking. It is about time we focus on how to keep healthy.........

Please support SB 150.

Thanks for your consideration.

Kathleen Zeitler 1159 10th Ave. Green Bay, WI 54304 inspiredbylife@juno.com

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The Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy.

My name is Lisa Valenta, and as a cancer survivor I urge you to support SB 150, the Breathe Free WI Act, with no exemptions.

My husband and I don't like to go out to places that allow smoking. We like to go listen to live music and often the smoke is unbearable.

As someone concerned about the health of all Wisconsinites, please support a comprehensive statewide smoking ban. NOW is the time—we cannot afford to wait.

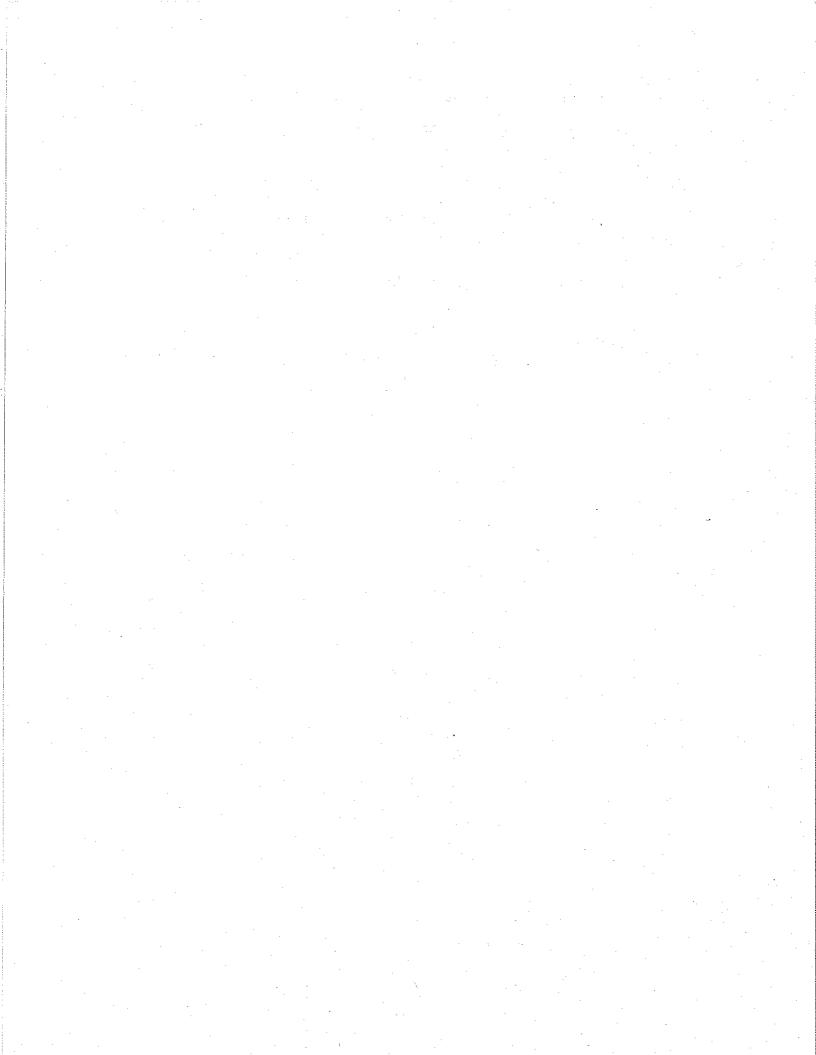
Thanks for your consideration of this critical issue, that impacts so many people.

Sincerely,

Lisa Valenta

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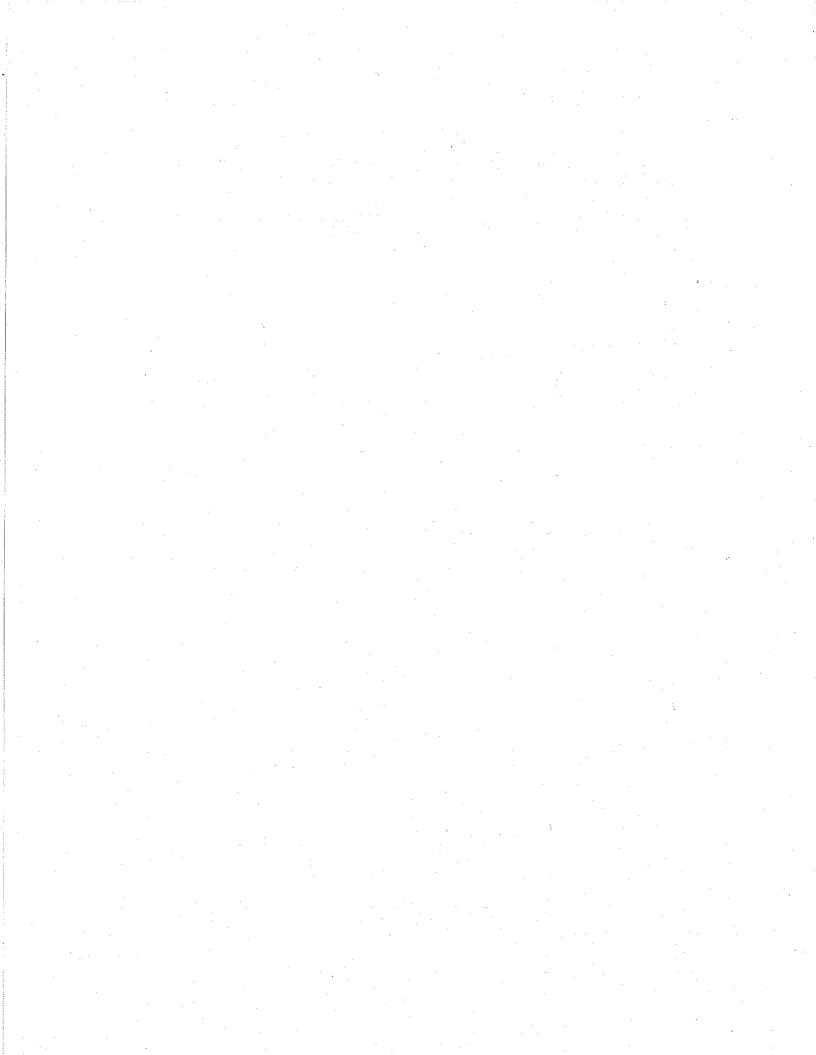


The Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy:

I am a nurse in ICU at St. Elizabeths' Hospital in Appleton, WI. I see the effects of smoking everyday. I believe it is very important to change Wisconsin to be smoke free. Also, as a non-smoker I am in favor of the bill SB150. Wisconsin should join the other states that have smoking bans and become a leader for other states to follow. Please help make this happen so Wisconsin can become a leader in healthy changes.

Thank you for your time,

Dayton Roloff bmx2girl@new.rr.com 920-284-0918 717 6th St. Menasha, WI



## Honorable members of the Senate Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy Committee:

As the mother of 2 children, wife, daughter and friend, I am here today to strongly urge you to support SB 150 to make Wisconsin's workplaces smoke-free.

Secondhand smoke, also known as environmental tobacco smoke, is classified as a "known human carcinogen" by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). When nonsmokers are exposed to secondhand smoke it is called *involuntary smoking*. Sounds pleasant, doesn't it?

Smoking is associated with increased risk for at least 15 types of cancer. In Wisconsin, lung cancer was the leading cause of cancer deaths and killed more than 2,700 Wisconsin residents in 2003 - that's more than 7 people each and every day. That's close to the equivalent number of deaths of a 9/11 event every year in Wisconsin! **Nonsmokers** exposed to secondhand smoke were 25% more likely to have coronary heart diseases compared to nonsmokers not exposed to smoke.

According to the US Dept. of Health, levels of secondhand smoke in restaurants and bars were found to be **2 to 5 times higher** than in residences with smokers and 2 to 6 times higher than in office workplaces. I am privileged to have a smoke-free workplace - ALL Wisconsin residents should be able to earn their living in a smoke-free environment and not have to choose between their health and earning that living. Many of my musician friends are forced to earn their living in a smoke-filled environment that is hazardous to their health. My family and I would enjoy being able to go out to eat, or go bowling without having to consider our exposure to secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke is the reason I say no when my children ask to go bowling.

A statewide smoke-free bill would make indoor air cleaner for Wisconsin residents in every community. My sister-in-law, the mother or 3 young children, moved to Green Bay from Eau Claire and was extremely disappointed to find that Green Bay is not smoke-free.

This is a matter of public health. There is no such thing as a non-smoking section in a public building. If smoking is allowed anywhere in a building, secondhand smoke is everywhere. Separating smokers from nonsmokers, cleaning the air, and ventilating buildings cannot eliminate exposures of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke. A minority of people should not be able to poison the air and ruin the health of the majority of Wisconsin's residents.

Making all workplaces smoke-free would make a huge impact on the health of TENS OF THOUSANDS of Wisconsin residents. Smokers would also have more incentive to quit since there would be fewer opportunities to smoke.

Thank you for your time and consideration for the health of all Wisconsin residents.

Sincerely,

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Stacy Brager 938 Water St. #202 Sauk City, WI 53583

Dear Dale Schultz and the Rest of the Wisconsin Senate,

As a voting citizen of Sauk County I take the Smoke-Free Workplace Bill very seriously. The clear fact is that smoking does cause cancer, heart disease, and several other illnesses. Knowing this fact I think it is your responsibility to protect the health of those people living in Wisconsin.

I know that some people will argue that smoking is a right and they should be able to do so wherever they please. The truth is that smoking is not a right is it a choice. People choose to smoke knowing the risk that they face by doing so. The people that choose to smoke do not have the right to endanger my health.

It will also be argued that non-smokers can simply choose to not enter places where people are smoking. I do choose to drive to Madison to go into bars and restaurants where smoking is not allowed. I do not choose to stay in Sauk City where the bowling alley is filled with a cloud of smoke; the same bowling alley where children go to bowl and have fun. I choose to make the right choice for my health. But, I should not have to drive a half hour simply to enter an establishment I feel is better for my health.

I choose to not smoke in order to protect my health and the health of my friends and family. I feel that it is not right or fair that someone else's choice directly affects my health. You have the power to directly affect the health of those people who live in Wisconsin. Are you going to use your power to protect your children, your family, your friends and constituents?

Sincerely,

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### Wisconsin Public Health Association

# Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards



TO:

Senate Public Health Committee Chair and members

FROM:

Wisconsin Public Health Association & Wisconsin Association of

**Local Health Departments and Boards** 

DATE:

May 31, 2007

RE:

Support for Senate Bill 150 - The Breath Free Wisconsin Act

The Wisconsin Public Health Association and the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards would like to take this opportunity to urge you to support Senate Bill 150 – the Breath Free Wisconsin Act. The legislation would create a statewide smoking ban in any public indoor place or place of employment – including restaurants and taverns.

We believe your constituents deserve protection from the dangers of secondhand smoke, which is a proven human health hazard. In fact, the Surgeon General has confirmed that secondhand smoke leads to chronic disease and premature death, and the only way to protect non-smokers is to prohibit smoking in indoor environments.

Nineteen states, including our neighbors in Minnesota, have enacted smoke-free workplace laws that cover all restaurants and taverns. It's time for the citizens of Wisconsin to have those same protections. Just as your constituents expect to have clean drinking water and a safe food supply, they also have a right to breathe clean air. Not surprisingly, nearly two-thirds (64%) of Wisconsin voters support a statewide smoke-free workplace law.

Twenty years of scientific research that clearly illustrate the health dangers of secondhand smoke simply cannot be ignored. It's time to give all Wisconsin citizens the right to *Breath Free* and work in a smoke-free environment. Once again, the Wisconsin Public Health Association and the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards would urge you to support Senate Bill 150.

The Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards is a statewide organization comprised of local boards of health members and health department administrators. The organization provides a unified forum for public health leadership, development, advocacy, education and forging of community partnerships to improve public health at the local level. WALHDAB represents over 800 local boards of health members and public health officers.

The Wisconsin Public Health Association is a statewide organization dedicated to protecting and promoting personal and public health through educational and scientific programs. As one of the state's largest associations of public health professionals, WPHA represents more than 350 members from public and private sector organizations. Members include individuals from local, regional and state public health agencies as well as hospitals, clinics, community-based organizations and academia.

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May 30, 2007

To: Committee Members
From: Julia A. Steiner
PO Box 245
Webster, WI 54893

#### To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Julia Steiner; I am an RN, and a resident of Burnett County. Although I am a contracted employee of Burnett County, working in Tobacco Control, I would like to make it known that I have taken the day off to attend this meeting today.

I am a former smoker, I started smoking off an on when I was in about 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. By the time I was a teenager, I was hooked. I decided to quit while I was pregnant with my oldest daughter, but by this time, I was smoking a pack an a half a day. With many tears, I was able to kick the habit. I tell this because at one point in my life, I also struggled with tobacco addiction.

Over the past 25+ years I have had several working positions that allowed smoking in the workplace, including washing dishes as a young teenager, the back storerooms of the grocery stores, and yes, even smoking at the nurse's station in hospitals and nursing homes.

Already we have come a long way! You can no longer smoke on school property; stores have prohibited smoking in the buildings. Patients and families would probably be appalled if a nurse were sitting at the nurses station smoking, we are even going as far as making hospitals smoke free properties.

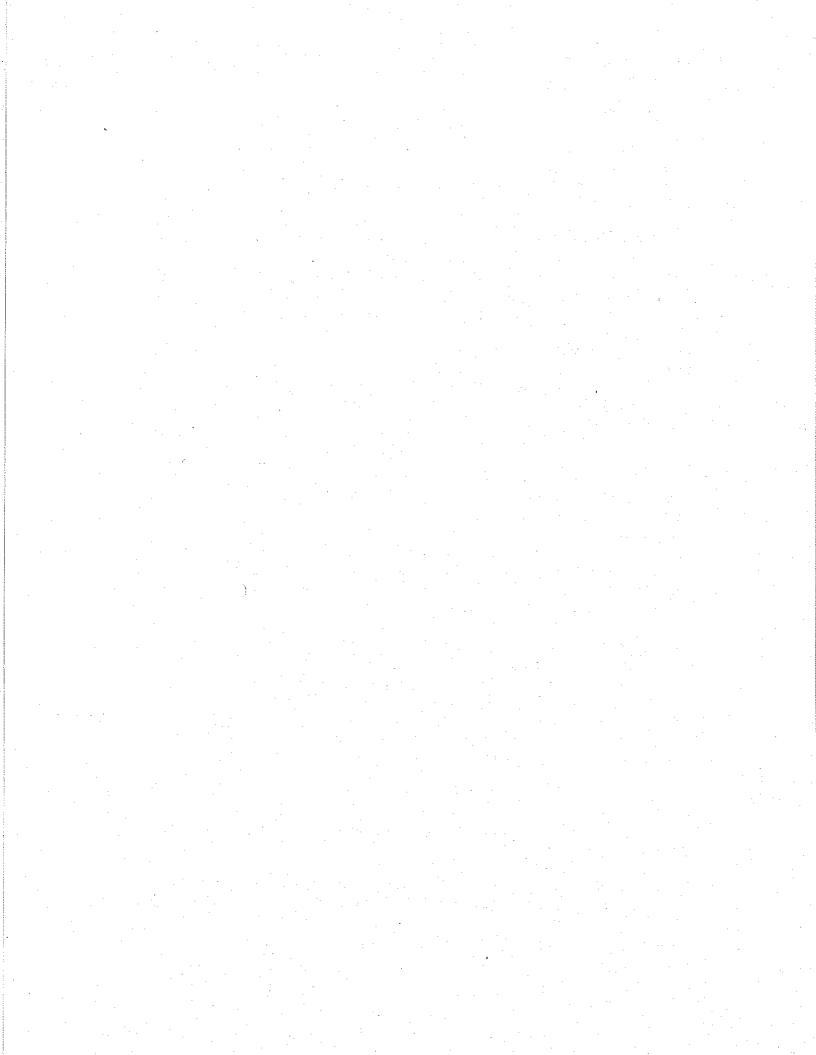
It concerns me that several family members and friends work in restaurants/taverns, some working their way through school; others have been a waitress for several years. However, all are exposed to second hand smoke several times a week.

My husband and I, as well as several of our friends enjoy going out, and I feel we would go out more often, but are forced not to due to being sensitive to second hand smoke. The headache, stuffiness, coughing and wheezing the next day or two is not worth it.

Second hand smoke increases the risk of heart disease and lung cancer. The Surgeon General has concluded that no amount of second hand smoke is safe to breathe. By separating smokers from nonsmokers and ventilating buildings, we can not eliminate the hazards of second hand smoke.

Minnesota and Illinois have both recently announced they will become smoke-free! I believe in Wisconsin and the right to breathe clean indoor air!

Thank you for your time in this matter.



Date: May 31, 2007

To: Members of the Senate Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues,

**Extended Care and Privacy** 

Re: SB 150

I live in rural Eau Claire County, and I support SB 150 as currently written. My reasons are simple:

- Everyone (even most smokers) knows that secondhand smoke is toxic and poses serious health risks. There's really no excuse for continuing to allow the release of a known human carcinogen inside our public buildings and businesses.
- Telling smokers to smoke outside isn't a hardship and doesn't "ban" smoking. Smokers are simply not allowed to harm the health of other people by smoking indoors. This is common sense.
- The 80% of us who don't smoke will once again be able to patronize our small town taverns and restaurants without jeopardizing our health.
   According to my math, this would mean more business for them, not less.
- All workers will have the same health protection now afforded primarily to people in white collar jobs. This is fair.
- Kids will see adults "walk their talk" that smoking is bad for health, and that can send a powerful message affecting generations to come.
- Wisconsin already lags behind many other states that have gone completely smoke-free (most recently Minnesota and Illinois). Wisconsin needs a clean indoor air law for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Sixty-four percent of Wisconsin voters support 100% smoke-free workplaces, including taverns and restaurants. Please listen to us and send SB 150 to the Senate without amendments that dilute or delay it.

Thank you.

Julie Marlette

E11005 Railroad Drive Fall Creek, WI 54742

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To: Committee Members

Re: Smoke Free Air Bill, SB 150

From: Steve Anderson

Danbury, Wisconsin

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the age of 56 my father passed away of a massive heart attack caused by his smoking addiction, while my mother lived her last decade of life having difficulty breathing.

My father only lived long enough to be a grandfather for a short 5 years, and his grandchildren never had the opportunity of enjoying his life stories nor his advice. For me, as presently a grandfather, I still suffer the consequences of breathing the air of others whom smoked including the inability to enter any room or establishment where there is smoking.

But you will undoubtedly hear many stories like this and most likely worse of those who have suffered from the results of second hand smoke.

The past is something we cannot change, but we can send a clear message to the future - one of clean air for the citizens of Wisconsin. And our grandchildren will not have to suffer the variety of consequences of an addiction that is both costly in dollars to purchase and even worse on the economics of our health care system.

You know very well that our neighbors have endorsed their clean air bills. You are fully aware that the World Health Organization has endorsed a need to have a universal plan to eliminate the ills of second hand smoke along with plans to help those who smoke to stop. We all know that entire countries have now embraced the concept of clean air for their citizens - and they have been highly successful in the support given by businesses and individuals.

Therefore, lets do what many business groups have said is the best way to do so for the State of Wisconsin – including at first the Tavern League and presently the Wisconsin Restaurant Association and many others. Please pass a State Wide clean air bill that will make sure that all businesses work from the same rule book.

And, please feel comfortable that this kind of governmental action is similar to what is done now when we make sure restaurants and other establishments are checked to make sure they are safe places for clients and guests to enjoy food and services.

While it is difficult to avoid the politicization of this process, doing the right thing to protect all the citizens from unhealthy activities while making sure those that work hard as entrepreneurs can continue to prosper based upon their products, service and pricing - not whether someone must light up.

Thank you for your efforts to bring us in line with the tide of clean air.

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Dear Members of the Senate Public Health Committee, Dear Rep. Jon Richards and Senator Jeff Plale,

I am writing to convey my strong feeling that it is time to have a universal ban on smoking in all workplaces in the State. The evidence is in that second hand smoke is hazardous to health and we should take the next step and protect our work force. As a business owner, I am aware of the need for good health to maintain my business. I do not allow customers to smoke in our work space because I believe protecting the health of my customers and my workers is basic to my regard for them, and basic to the efficiency of my business. There is no reason to make exception to this rule as a concession to the entertainment of the customer. Young workers are often forced to take jobs in smoke-filled environments because they do not have the wide range of skills that an older person enjoys. Give our young people a break and protect their health.

Sincerely, William Sell 2827 S. Lenox St. Milwaukee, WI 53207 414-744-3970

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Dear Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy,

Professionally I am the coordinator for the Brown County Tobacco-Free Coalition. Research has shown that secondhand smoke is a Class A carcinogen containing over 4,000 chemicals of which over 200 are known to be poisons. In 2006 the US Surgeon General released his report on The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke. In that report Richard Carmona, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.S. stated that, "Exposure to secondhand smoke remains an alarming public health hazard". He went on farther to say that there is no safe level of secondhand smoke and that such exposure can have an immediate effect on the cardiovascular and respiratory systems, and can result in heart disease and lung cancer.

Personally, I am the mother of a 5 year old who has recently been diagnosed with asthma. Currently he receives breathing treatments via a breathing machine twice a day, more if he is having difficulty breathing. Upon diagnosis, my son's pediatrician made a point to explain how critical exposure to secondhand smoke was for an asthmatic. I then reminded him of the professional "hat" I wore and his response was, "then you know how critical exposure to secondhand smoke is for an asthmatic, right"? Ironically my son just told me over the weekend that he wants to have his birthday party at a bowling alley. As an asthmatic, there is no way he will have a birthday party in Green Bay unless a statewide ordinance passes. We will have to travel to Appleton to make his birthday wish possible. Try explaining that to a child going on 6, who really doesn't understand the extent of his asthma.

I am also the daughter of a 58 year old man who has heart disease. His first procedure was at age 46. Eleven years later, in 2005 he underwent quadruple by-pass surgery 2 days before Christmas. Doctors said that he wouldn't have had a heart attack, as the main left artery was 100% blocked and the main right artery was 99% blocked; he would have just dropped and been gone. In going through rehabilitation, his cardiologist reminded him that secondhand smoke exposures produce substantial and immediate effects on the cardiovascular system and therefore should be avoided at all costs.

There is a trend in the Midwest; Illinois and Minnesota have recently passed legislation for comprehensive ordinances. All Wisconsinites deserve the right to breathe clean air too! No exceptions.

Warmly,

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